

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2161

PATENT APPLICATION
Do. No. 3222-0005

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Sanjay Verma et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INCREASING TRANSACTION
CONCURRENCY BY EARLY RELEASE OF LOCKS IN GROUPS

Date: May 14, 2008

Commissioner for Patents
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Responsive to the final office action, paper no. 200801, dated January 22, 2008, please amend the application as follows.

Claim amendments begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 9.